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Application: J. BALDWIN)
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For: **METHOD OF PREPARING PREFORMS FOR RTM MOLDING
PROCESSES**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is filed in response to the Examiner's Action dated February 13, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-14 and 18-19 are pending in this application.

Upon entry of this response, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-14 and 18-19 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding office action, the Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102, and rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-14 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103.

The present invention is directed to a method of preparing a preform for a RTM molding process comprising the steps of forming a layer of reinforcing fibers; applying a patterned discontinuous *liquid* layer of a tackifier resin to at least one side of the layer of reinforcing fibers, wherein a predetermined quantity of the tackifier resin *being forced into a number of the fibers*; and curing the tackifier resin. There is antecedent basis for the liquid layer in both a preferred embodiment containing "liquid tackifier resin, drawn from a supply 14," (see page 6, lines 25-